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In U.N. speech, president pushes for democracy in Mideast ror. We respect Islam." UNITED NATIONS | President Bush sought to Afghanistan and other nations that have Bush also firmly

Bush Reaches Out to Muslims

blunt anti-Americanism across the Middle East Tuesday, asserting that extremists are trying to justify their violence by falsely claiming the U.S. is waging war on Islam. He singled out Iran and Syria as sponsors of terrorism.

Bush, in an address to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, tried to advance his campaign for democracy in the Middle East against a backdrop of turmoil in Iraq, embraced the very changes he seeks for the region.

Solidly aligned with Israel, the United States is viewed with anger and suspicion by Muslims across the Middle East.

Addressing that hostility, Bush said, "My country desires peace. Extremists in your midst spread propaganda claiming that the West is engaged in a war against Islam. This propaganda is false and its purpose is to confuse



Bush

you and justify acts of ter-

denounced Iran for defying U.N. Security Council demands to freeze its uranium enrichment work and engage in talks to resolve the standoff over its nucle-

ar weapons ambitions. "Should they continue to stall, we will then discuss the consequences of their stalling," Bush said in an apparent reference to possible U.N. sanctions. (AP)

Thai PM Ousted in Military Coup



MARTIAL LAW: Soldiers ride on a tank next to Government House in Bangkok on Tuesday during a bloodless coup overthrowing Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. Critics had called for Shinawatra's resignation over allegations of corruption. * Response: Public welcomes surprise coup | Page 7

FONTS | Radical Approach to Sex Ed Monroe, N.Y., school officials apologized after an X-rated font was used on a thirdgrade spelling packet handed out to parents last week. The font showed male and female stick figures in provocative poses to form the letters



of the alphabet. Parents at Pine Tree Elementary School were given the spelling packet at an open house; many school officials and parents didn't even notice the raunchy letters. Administrators said the teacher did not use the font intentionally. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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If You Win. There Must Be a Mistake

A man who hit a \$737,203 jackpot on a nickel slot machine Friday has hired an attorney after the Friant, Calif., club claimed the big win was a huge mistake. Sornpaserd

Unkeowannulack was playing the nickel slots at the Table Mountain Casino when the "Deep Pockets" machine announced he hit the jackpot. But when Unkeowannulack began celebrating, officials at the gaming club said

the machine was broken and he wasn't eligible for any prize. "They immediately said there was a malfunction," said Unkeowannulack. He took a picture of the machine and his friend called a lawyer. (AP)

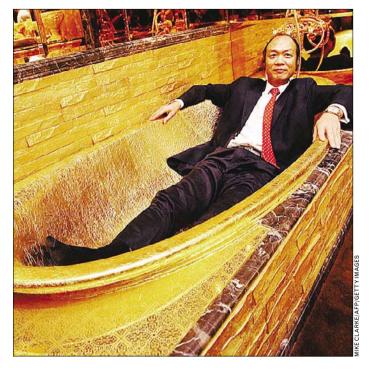
PERSUASION

You'll See Our Side If Your Lawn Is Greener

A mix-up resulted in a Lansing, Mich., lawn care company spraying the yard of an anti-pesticide activist. Tess Karwoski, the health policy director for the Michigan Environmental

> Council, said a TruGreen ChemLawn van parked in front of her home Thursday and a uniformed sprayed her yard with chemicals. "As much as I have worked on pesticide issues ... here they are spraying my yard," Karwoski

said. Karwoski said she ran outside and told the man to stop spraying: another worker had posted a sign urging children and pets to stay off the lawn, just a few feet away from her sign that read "Pesticide Free Zone." (AP)



GOLD

Bathed in Riches

S.W. Lam. chairman of Hang Fung Gold Technology Group, now knows what King Midas must have felt like. You'd think so, after he sat in this gold bathtub inside a Hong Kong jewelry store Tuesday. The \$38.5 million showroom is made of two tons of gold and will be used to help woo customers into buving gold. Because once you've tried soaking in a completely gold tub, you'll never go back to your old porcelain model. (EXPRESS)



If we rid our campus of kegs, students' urge to drink beer is sure to disappear.

PREVENTION

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Students at Fairfield University in Connecticut say they won't drink less just because the school has banned keas of beer. The dean of students says banning kegs will make students safer and healthier. But students say they'll simply buy multiple 30-pack cases of beer instead. Only that is more expensive than buying a keg. And folks who live at a nearby beach worry students will just bring their kegs there. (AP)



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DOODLERS IN CHIEF: A new book called "Presidential Doodles" collects the random sketches and drawings of Herbert Hoover and most of his fellow commanders in chief, from Hoover's elaborate shapes and swirls to the isolated squiggles of Abraham Lincoln.

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

EPA Inspector Cites Lack of Agency Minority Reviews

The Environmental Protection Agency is not conducting required reviews to ensure that low-income and minority neighborhoods get the same environmental protection as other communities. The report by the EPA's inspector general, made public Tuesday, says senior EPA officials have not required regional offices and department heads to conduct environmental justice reviews despite a requirement for such reviews dating back to 1994. (AP)

CAMDEN, S.C.

Police Nab Mother of Suspect In Text-Messaging Case

The mother of a man accused of abducting and assaulting a 14-year-old girl who eventually was able to send a text message for help was charged Tuesday with helping her son elude authorities and survive in underground bunkers, a sheriff said. The man, Vinson Filyaw, 36, was charged this weekend with kidnapping and raping a 14-year-old girl and holding her in an underground bunker. (AP)

Boosting Kids' Brains

→ Young children who had a year of musical training show brain changes and superior memory compared to those who don't, says a new study. | Today, A Section



Gen. Says U.S. May Boost Iraq Forces

Abizaid: No drawdown in levels of troops until next spring at earliest

WASHINGTON | The U.S. military is likely to maintain and may even increase its force of more than 140,000 troops in Iraq through next spring, the top American commander in the region said Tuesday in one of the gloomiest assessments yet of when troops may come home.

Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. Central Command, said military leaders would consider adding troops or extending the Iraq deployments of other units if needed.

"If it's necessary to do that because the military situation on the ground requires that, we'll do it," Abizaid said. "If we have to call in more forces because it's our military judgment that we need more forces, we'll do it."

His comments came as violence around Iraq killed at least 16 civilians on Tuesday and wounded dozens of others. Iraqi lawmakers angered by the relentless violence demanded that the defense and interior ministers appear before parliament to explain what they are doing to eliminate death squads in Iraq.



Abizaid appears before the Senate

Armed Services Committee last month.

Abizaid said that right now the number of U.S. troops "are prudent force levels" that are achieving the needed military effect. Still, his blunt assessment was the first time officials confirmed that higher troops levels would continue into next year — and it came as political leaders heading into November's congressional elections face declining public support for the war in Iraq.

Abizaid, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Peter Pace are expected to meet with members of Congress later this week.

WISCONSIN | 44 DOGS RESCUED FROM HOME



CLEANUP: Diane Gruenewald washes a Siberian husky after it was shaved on Tuesday in Janesville, Wis. Forty-four huskies were recovered from a nearby home and two people were arrested on animal neglect charges.

Bush, Senators Seek Deal on Anti-Terror Bill

White House proposal would 'clarify' policies on prisoner treatment

WASHINGTON | A top Senate Republican opposing President Bush's plan for handling terrorism suspects expressed tempered optimism Tuesday that the two sides could reach an accord on that key piece of the administration's anti-terror agenda before fall elections.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner declined to discuss the latest White House offer, which was sent to Capitol Hill late Monday. Warner said only that discussions were "constructive" and that he held a "ray of optimism" that an agreement would come soon.

The White House has submitted a revised proposal to "clarify" the nation's treaty obligations and satisfy objections by Warner and others who say the president is trying to redefine U.S. interpretation of the Geneva Conventions, which sets the international standard for prisoners of war. The two sides were deadlocked in negotiations when the White House sent its latest revision.



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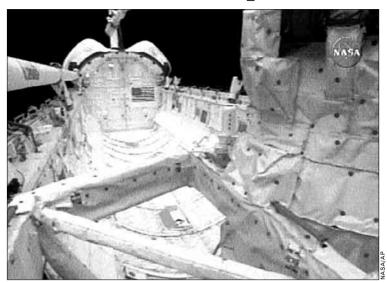
Shuttle Return Postponed

NASA investigating missing object seen floating from station

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | NASA postponed the return of Atlantis for at least a day and examined the shuttle for damage that could prevent it from making the journey home after a mysterious object apparently fell off the ship in orbit Tuesday.

Space agency officials wanted extra time to establish whether the object was a vital piece of the shuttle — such as the tiles that protect it from the blowtorch heat of re-entry — and whether it harmed the spacecraft when it fell away.

"The question is: What is it? Is it something benign? ... Or is it something more critical we should pay attention to?" said Wayne Hale, space shuttle program manager. "We want to make sure we're safe to land before we commit to that rather incredible journey through



MISSING PARTS: Videos survey the cargo bay of Space Shuttle Atlantis after the discovery of an object that was accidentally lost from the shuttle on Tuesday.

the Earth's atmosphere."

The shuttle has enough supplies to stay in space until Saturday while engineers determine whether the shuttle can safely return to Earth.

The space agency did not rule

out the possibility of a spacewalk to make repairs or, if the spacecraft is too damaged, sending Atlantis's six crew members to take refuge in the international space station. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

Cheney: Hopes of World Rest on U.S.

WASHINGTON | Vice President Dick Cheney cast the global war on terror on Tuesday as a "war of nerves," borrowing a phrase Harry Truman

used to describe the Cold War. Cheney asserted that the hopes of the civilized world depend on a U.S. victory. "We are not



Cheney

going to let down our guard," Cheney told a convention of automobile dealers. He said President Bush "will not relent in the effort to track the enemies of the

United States with every legitimate tool at his command."

He defended the administration's warrantless wiretapping and detainee programs, both subject to criticism from Democrats and some members of his own Republican party.

Cheney said that, to President Truman, the term Cold War was "an expression he never much cared for and seldom used. He called it the war of nerves.

"The war on terror is a test of our strength, a test of our capabilities, and above all a test of our character," Cheney said. TOM RAUM (AP)

3 Dead in Attack At Tenn. Ballpark

DANDRIDGE, TENN. | A long-running child custody dispute erupted in gunfire after a 10-year-old boy's baseball game, leaving three of his grandparents dead and his father wounded, officials said Tuesday.

The shooting began Monday night in a parking lot. When it stopped, one witness said he looked out and saw Austin Shands standing among the bloody bodies of his family.

Family members say the shooting stemmed from the bitter divorce of Austin's parents and their court fight over the boy's custody. (AP)









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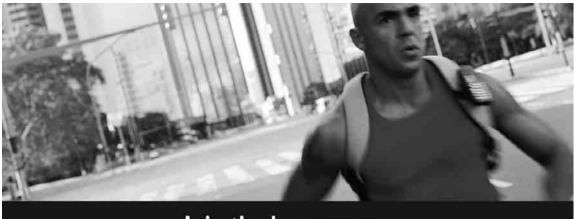


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A Pittsburgh police detective, left, puts 18-year-old Brandon Baynes, a suspect in an attack on Duquesne basketball players, into a police car in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Three Charged in Duquesne Attack

Police make arrest in shootings of 5 college basketball players

PITTSBURGH | Police charged two men Tuesday with shooting five Duquesne University basketball players after a school dance, and they accused a 19-year-old sophomore of helping six men into the dance despite knowing some were armed.

Brandon Baynes, 18, faced arraignment on charges of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, carrying an unlicensed firearm and criminal conspiracy. Police were still hunting Tuesday for William Holmes, also 18 and wanted on the same charges.

Three players remained hospitalized following Sunday's shootings after the dance. The most seriously wounded, junior forward Sam Ashaolu, 23, was in critical condition with bullet fragments in his head.

Brittany Jones, accused of helping get some young men with guns into the party, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless endangerment, carrying a firearm without a license and criminal conspiracy. She was arraigned Tuesday morning.

In interviews Monday with The Associated Press, several players said the shooter was a nonstudent unhappy that the woman he accompanied to the dance had talked with a player. DAN NEPHIN (AP)





FLYBY: Residents of crime-plagued Rio de Janeiro have a new predator to worry about -hawks. A pair of hawks have attacked more than 100 residents of the Ipanema beach district over the past year, scratching people's heads and faces, residents report.

World



Iragis in Najaf prepare to bury the bodies of relatives killed in recent violence.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Lawmakers Voice Anger as Another 16 Die in Violence

Lawmakers angered by relentless violence in Iraq demanded Tuesday that the defense and interior ministers explain what they are doing to put an end to the death squads that have killed hundreds of Iragis. Violence around Iraq killed at least 16 Iraqis on Tuesday, including 10 people killed in a rocket attack on a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad. An American soldier died in a suicide car bombing in northern Iraq. (AP)

CORDOBA, SPAIN

Historic Accords Reached In Dispute Over Gibraltar

Spain and Britain have reached a historic deal to resolve side issues stemming from their 300-yearold dispute over Gibraltar, but sidestepped the main one — their claims to the Rock's sovereignty. Gibraltar itself - the quirky, multicultural British colony of 30,000 people at Spain's southern tip - was also represented as an equal partner by its Chief Minister Peter Caruana at a ceremony Monday. (AP)

RI-KWANGBA, SUDAN

LRA Rebel Leaders Given More Time to Come Forward

The leaders of the rebel Lord's Resistance Army were still at large despite an agreement with the Ugandan government to assemble at two camps by Tuesday, but the government said they would be given more time. More than 800 rebels have arrived at the two camps set up in uninhabited areas of southern Sudan, said Maj. Gen. Wilson Deng, chairman of a Sudanese team set up to monitor the LRA. (AP)

Thai Military Seizes Power in Coup

Effort to overthrow embattled PM strikes while he is in New York

BANGKOK, THAILAND | In the dead of night and without firing a shot, Thailand's military overthrew popularly elected Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Tuesday after mounting criticism that he had undermined democracy.

The sudden, well-orchestrated coup — a throwback to an unsettled era in Thailand — was likely to spark both enthusiasm and criti-



cism at home and abroad. The military said it would soon return power to a democratic government but did not say when.

Striking when Thaksin was in New York at the U.N. General Assembly, army commander Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin sent tanks and troops into the drizzly, nighttime streets of Bangkok. The military ringed Thaksin's offices, seized control of television stations and declared a provisional author-



USING FORCE: Thai soldiers sit on a tank as they are on guard in front of the United Nations building in Bangkok on Tuesday as the armed forces took control of the city.

ity loyal to the king.

The coup leaders declared martial law, revoked the constitution and ordered all troops not to leave duty stations without permission from their commanders. The stock exchange was to be closed Wednesday, along with schools, banks and government offices.

Bangkok's normally bus-

tling streets emptied out early Wednesday, from shopping stalls to red light districts, as Thais and tourists learned of the coup.

Across the capital, Thais who trickled out onto barren streets welcomed the surprise turn of events as a necessary climax to months of demands for Thaksin to resign amid allegations of cor-



- → Population: 65.5 million
- → Capitol: Bangkok
- → Languages: Thai, English, ethnic and regional dialects
- → Religions: Buddhist 94.6%,
- Muslim 4.6%, Christian 0.7%
- → Ethnic groups: Thai 75%,
- Chinese 14%, other 11% → Economy: Recovered from the
- 1997 Asian financial crisis to post a 4.6 percent growth rate last year. (AP/CIA WORLD FACTBOOK)

ruption, electoral skullduggery and a worsening Muslim insurgency in the south.

In New York, Thaksin declared a state of emergency in an audio statement via a government-owned TV station in Bangkok - a vain attempt to stave off the coup. He later canceled a scheduled address to the U.N. General Assembly. (AP)

Power struggle: For the latest news, as well as photos and videos from Thailand, go to ${\bf washingtonpost.com}$

Sudan: No U.N. **Troops for Darfur**

UNITED NATIONS | Sudan will not allow the United Nations to take control of peacekeepers in Darfur under any circumstance, its president said Tuesday, claiming that human rights groups have exaggerated the crisis there in a bid for more donations.

President Omar al-Bashir did

say that the African Union, which now runs the peacekeeping mission in the Darfur region, should be allowed to augment its forces with more logistics, advisers and other support.

Speaking on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly debate, al-Bashir claimed that Zionist groups wanted to weaken Sudan and accused Israel of spreading a lie that Sudanese Arabs are killing Sudanese Africans. (AP)

Japan's Abe Poised to Win Party Vote

TOKYO | The favorite to become Japan's next prime minister is heading into Wednesday's vote for the leadership of the ruling party with victory and a chance to press ahead with his nationalist agenda all but guaranteed.

Shinzo Abe holds a commanding lead over two rivals in the vote for

president of his Liberal Democratic Party. Clinching the party presidency would give him a lock on the Sept. 26 vote for prime minister in the parliament, which is dominated by the Liberal Democrats' coalition.

Abe, 51, would be Japan's youngest postwar prime minister and the first born after World War II. (AP)

Iran's Ahmadinejad **Defends Nuke Activity**

UNITED NATIONS | Iran's nuclear activities are "transparent, peaceful and under the watchful eye" of United Nations inspectors, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told the U.N. General Assembly.

In a speech Tuesday, Ahmadinejad accused some permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — an apparent reference to the United States - of using the powerful U.N. body as a tool of "threat and coercion." He reiterated his nation's commitment to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

"All our nuclear activities are transparent, peaceful and under the watchful eyes" of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear



Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadineiad addresses the U.N. General Assembly.

watchdog, Ahmadinejad said.

His speech was sharply critical of the United States and Britain, and focused in large part on what he said was their abuse of the Security Council, on which they are both permanent members with veto power. (AP)

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Saddam Judge Replaced

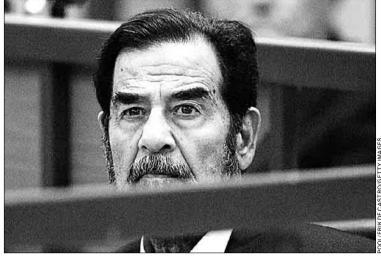
Change comes after complaints court was too easy on ex-leader

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The chief judge in Saddam Hussein's genocide trial was replaced Tuesday amid complaints from Shiite and Kurdish officials that he was too easy on the deposed Iraqi leader.

It was the second time that a chief judge was changed while Saddam was on trial; in each case there were accusations that Saddam was allowed too much leeway in court.

Abdullah al-Amiri was replaced on the five-member panel by his deputy in the trial, Mohammed al-Uraibiy, a court official said. The new chief judge is a Shiite Arab, as is al-Amiri.

The Iraqi High Tribunal, the country's supreme court, sought the change and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki approved it, a government official said. Both officials



ON TRIAL: Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein listens while the prosecutor addresses the court during his trial in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone on Tuesday.

asked not to be named.

An attorney defending senior officials in Saddam's former regime decried the change as purely polit-

"This was a coup that succeeded. There was no legal reason for removing him [al-Amiri]," defense lawyer Badee Izzat Aref told The Associated Press.

Hussein al-Duri, an aide to al-Maliki, said one reason for the change was al-Amiri's statement in court last week, in which he told Saddam, "You were not a dictator." (AP)







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Hungarians Lash Out at Leadership

Protesters rally anew over leaked recording of PM admitting lies

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY | Hundreds of riot police streamed into the capital Tuesday as protesters massed again after a night of rioting over the prime minister's leaked admission that his government repeatedly lied about the health of Hungary's economy.

By nightfall, some 10,000 people had gathered in Kossuth Square, the vast plaza outside the parliament building. Dozens waved Hungarian flags, and some demonstrators set up tents, signaling they intended to stay at least overnight.

Several said they would remain even longer — until the resignation of Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany — whose taped comments set off the country's worst violence since its failed anti-Soviet revolution 50 years ago.

Protesters accused the governing coalition of lying to win the April elections, but people also were upset over tax boosts and other economic austerity measures that Gyurcsany has ordered over the last three months.

Opposition leader Viktor Orban, whose center-right FIDESZ party lost in the elections, also demanded the prime minister's resignation, describing him as "a sick, lying dilettante."

Gyurcsany — whose taped comments admitting his government had "lied morning, evening and night" about the economy provoked the fury — said he intended to weather the storm.

"I'm staying and I'm doing my job. I'm extremely committed to fulfilling my program, fiscal adjustments and reforms," he said. (AP)

Fresh Sanctions Placed on N. Korea

TOKYO | Japan and Australia on Tuesday slapped fresh sanctions on North Korea, triggering protests from China that the move would further fuel the standoff over Pyongyang's weapons programs.

The sanctions, which comply with a U.N. Security Council resolu-

tion that denounced North Korea's test firing of long-range missiles in July, ban fund transfers and remittances to 11 Pyongyang-based companies accused of bankrolling the country's weapons arsenal.

But China said Tuesday the new sanctions would escalate, rather than defuse, the standoff. (AP)

The number of provisional ballots tallied Monday in Montgomery County, Md. Officials said it could be next week before the 10,000 to 12,000 ballots are counted, delaying results in some close races.

Local

2006 Smithsonian Attendance Falls

Official blames crime. rain for decrease: new museums suffer more

WASHINGTON | Attendance at Smithsonian museums is down this year, reflecting both national trends and local crime that scared people away, officials said Tuesday.

Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small blamed stagnating muse-

um attendance nationwide for a 5 percent decline in visits to the Smithsonian over the past eight months compared with the same time last year.

"We know the same thing is happening across the board in museums," Small said after the September meeting of the 160-year-old institution's governing body, the Board of Regents. The Smithsonian had 17.4 million visitors through August

this year, down from 18.3 million in the same time period last year. The American Association of Museums savs museum attendance nationwide has been flat since 2000.

Small said crime also meant fewer museum visits. During three nights in May and July, there were five attacks on the National Mall, a popular — and usually safe — tourist site where many Smithsonian museums are located. Those attacks

"scared away people," Small said.

Heavy summer rain and flooding on the Mall also closed some of the larger Smithsonian museums for several days.

Newer museums are suffering more than older ones. Attendance at the almost three-year-old Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, an arm of the Air and Space Museum, is down more than 10 percent compared with last summer. KASIE HUNT (AP)

Policeman's Killer Sent **To Prison**

Caused first on-the-job fatality in Pentagon department's history

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A homeless man who killed a Pentagon police officer during a carjacking attempt was sentenced Wednesday to more than 31 years in prison.

Ossie K. LaRode, 23, pleaded guilty earlier this year to seconddegree murder and firearms charges in the death of Officer James Feltis of the Pentagon Police Department — the first in-the-line-of-duty death in the force's 60-year history.

LaRode had faced charges that could have carried the death penalty before striking a plea bargain in June and pleading guilty to lesser charges in U.S. District Court.

LaRode carjacked an elderly man at a restaurant parking lot in Alexandria on Jan. 11, 2005, and led police on a chase that wound through a Pentagon parking lot. (AP)

'Justice and retribution': Victim's widow lashes out against her husband's killer in court | Today's Post, Metro

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STAFF TRACK: Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey, left, and Democratic mayoral candidate Adrian Fenty speak at the Wilson Building after meeting Tuesday to discuss the police force's perfomance.
Willing to wait: Fenty says he won't decide on the fate of Ramsey, who's supported by two council members, until after the November election. I Today's Post, Metro

The Lotteries

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Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

New Venues Credited With Record in Tourism Spending

Tourists and business travelers spent a record \$5.05 billion in the District last year — a gain of almost 5 percent more than 2004 that officials said was helped by new sports and entertainment venues, mass transit improvements and a significant increase in spending by international visitors. "Huge investments in baseball stadiums, convention centers, mass transit circulator buses and Metrorail are paying off for us," William A. Hanbury, president of the Convention and Tourism Corporation, said Tuesday outside

the recently renovated American Art Museum. The tally of visitor spending includes money pumped into hotels, restaurants, entertainment, retail and transportation and it contributed \$543 million in city taxes. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Officials Search for Military **Ordnance After Shell Found**

Authorities searched for what they feared might be a cache of unexploded military ordnance near a recreation center after an old shell was found Tuesday. A day care center at the Kenilworth Parkside Recreation Center was evacuated after a construction worker unearthed the shell, said fire officials. The weapon was inoperable, officials said. (AP)

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Money



MR. ROBOTO: He's still red, fuzzy and really ticklish, but now Elmo's laughing fits have him slapping his knee and rolling over. Fisher-Price on Tuesday took the wraps off the new, high-tech T.M.X. Elmo, which is predicted to be a hot holiday seller.

Gasoline Prices Continue to Drop

Oil prices dip by more than \$2 per barrel as energy demand cools

WASHINGTON | The likelihood of finding \$2-a-gallon gasoline in some parts of the U.S. is increasing by the day.

The nationwide average at the pump is already below \$2.50, and with a huge decline in oil and gasoline futures on Tuesday, analysts say the outlook for motorists is only getting better.

"We'll see sub-\$2.25 a gallon retail [prices] by October," said Tom Kloza, director of the Oil Price Information Service, adding that prices below \$2 can already be found in Kansas, Missouri, South Carolina and other states.

Oil prices sank by more than \$2 a barrel Tuesday to settle near a six-month-low as worries about supply threats eased and signs of economic weakness in the U.S. sig-



Gas prices are already around \$2 a gallon in some parts of the United States.

naled a potential cooling of energy demand.

The sell-off brought crude oil futures to a six-month low, and helped weigh down already sinking gasoline prices.

Global inventories of crude oil are rising, and in the U.S. demand is tapering off.

"There are signs that the housing market could have a bigger impact on the economy going forward," said Societe Generale commodities analyst Mike Guido. BRAD FOSS (AP)

Chrysler Slashes Vehicle Production

DETROIT | DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group will cut deliveries to dealers by 90,000 vehicles, or nearly 24 percent, in the third quarter, as falling sales of trucks and sport utility vehicles have left it with bloated inventories.

DaimlerChrysler Chairman Dieter Zetsche said Tuesday.

Chrysler will ship 290,000 vehicles in the third quarter, compared with the 380,000 originally planned. For the entire second half of the year, Chrysler plans to reduce retail shipments by 16

NASDAQ Stock Market

percent to 705,000 vehicles.

Zetsche announced the cuts in a Web cast from DaimlerChrysler's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, four days after the company said Chrysler's third-quarter loss would be \$1.52 billion — more than twice what it had previously anticipated. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change
Herbalife	36.06	+3.36	+10.3	SmtBGA	22.38	+6.28	+39.0
Xanser	5.14	+.37	+7.8	ZarebaSys	4.60	+.81	+21.5
Head NV	3.45	+.23	+7.1	FstNiles	14.99	+2.34	+18.5
Talbots	25.65	+1.35	+5.6	DigitMus n	4.69	+.72	+18.1
FactsetR	48.10	+2.45	+5.4	lomai n	4.17	04	-0.9
Losers				Losers			
Omnova	4.76	79	-14.2	HandhEnt n	2.04	53	-20.6
Trex	25.09	-2.87	-10.3	Consulier	3.28	47	-12.5
AaronRA	21.63	-1.84	-7.8	Zila	2.10	30	-12.5
AaronR	23.70	-1.75	-6.9	Investools	8.30	-1.16	-12.3
WolvTub	3.00	20	-6.3	Yahoo	25.75	-3.25	-11.2

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO			
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.5315	.5317	.5548			
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25	Canadian Dollar	1.1277	1.1177	1.1678			
3-month disc	4.82	4.78	European Euro	.7888	.7871	.8236			
2-year	4.80	4.82	Japanese Yen	117.57	117.85	111.46			
10-year	4.74	4.77	Mexican Peso	10.9591	10.8990	10.8100			
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Comcast	34.51	+.33	+33.1
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DirecTV	19.21	+.31	+36.0
Disney	30.47	+.41	+27.1
McGrwH	56.61	+.28	+9.6
NetSvc rs	9.28	28	+35.2
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THOSE GUYS MUST BE SO RELIEVED: For the first time in 14 years, Bjork will take the stage fronting the band that made her cultishly famous in the first place. The re-formed Icelandic group Sugarcubes will perform in Reykjavik on Nov. 17.



Entertainment



MANO A MANO: DiCaprio, right, faces down Matt Damon in Martin Scorsese's much-anticipated new film, "The Departed."

Acting His Age

In two upcoming films, Leonardo DiCaprio unveils a new image

STAR MAN | There's something unexpectedly substantial about Leonardo DiCaprio in person. In the next few months, however, that will be very much evident on the screen.

In Martin Scorsese's "The

Departed," due out Oct. 6 and Ed Zwick's "Blood Diamond," following on Dec. 15, DiCaprio takes on complicated roles that establish him as the once and future leading man.

"The Departed" burrows into the Boston underworld and is vintage Scorsese, rife with grit and gore. As a cop who infiltrates a mob run by Jack Nicholson, DiCaprio stands fully baptized into the Scorsese canon, smashing gangsters in the head with beer mugs, holding fellow officers at gunpoint and going mano a mano with Nicholson in all his maniacal glory.

For "Blood Diamond," he spent six months in Africa playing a South African mercenary who navigates war-torn Sierra Leone, vicious diamond cartels and moral vexations in the person of a comely journalist (Jennifer Connelly) to "help" a tribal fisherman recover a valuable diamond.

DiCaprio has long been considered one of the finest actors of his generation, but with these two films he seems ready to accept the Big Star mantle that "Titanic" thrust on him almost 10 years ago.

DiCaprio is still somewhat gunshy and does little press. "The most important part of being an actor is [keeping] his personal life to himself," he said. "The less I know about an actor, the less baggage I bring to his performance."

"Departed" is the third film DiCaprio and Scorsese have done together — after "Gangs of New York" and "The Aviator" — and the first contemporary story.

From Scorsese's perspective, DiCaprio again more than held his own. "There is one scene he and Jack have where Leo has to prove he isn't a rat," the director said. "We shot it with double cameras ... basically, it is one long take. Watching the two of them playing off each other was one of the best things I have seen, ever."

In "Blood Diamond," DiCaprio found an intersection between passions — acting and activism. He was deeply affected by the months he spent in Mozambique and South Africa, where the exuberance of the human spirit contrasts with the coldness of the corporate soul.

"Every problem in the world comes down to economics," he said.

MARY MCNAMARA (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's Top Stops

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NEW LONDON FIRE

The Hotness

Are the members of New London Fire unusually talented new-wave revivalists or timeless pop savants? This band's varied enough to appeal to fans of the Strokes, Sunny Day Real Estate and, um, the Dave Matthews Band. But don't hold that last one against them.

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Tune In, Turn On and Bliss Out

TV on the Radio isn't coming in any clearer on its second album

MUSIC | TV on the Radio's debut, "Desperate Youth, Bloodthirsty Babes," remains a puzzling, frustrating listen — an acquired taste that's always one step ahead of the taste buds. The latest, "Return to Cookie Mountain" (Interscope), isn't any easier to grasp — at least not in the first 10 or 12 tries.

A chopped-up, reassembled mix of ghostly soul vocals, screeching synths, chiming piano, booming beats and harmonies borrowed from Brian Wilson's "Smile," the disc is beautiful and disquieting, melodic and grinding.

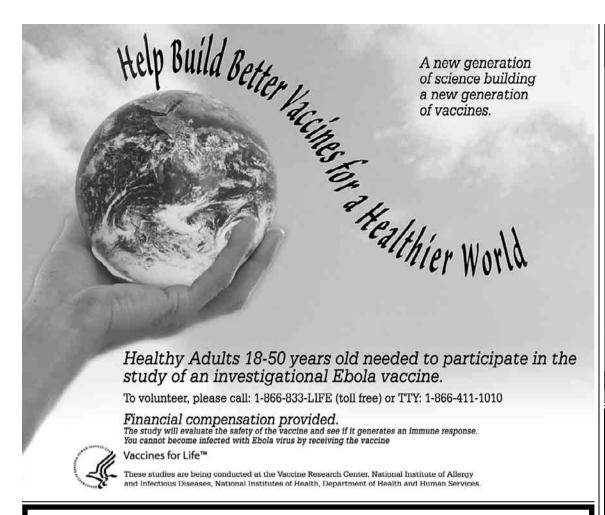
The lyrics are as abstract as the music, loaded with fuzzy, impressionistic images. Singer Tunde Adebimpe approaches lucidity sometimes, as on "Province," where he comments on today's global calamities: "Try to breathe as the world disintegrates."



TVOTR makes an enigmatic mix of haunted soul and canny borrowings.

On the ethereal standout "Tonight," Adebimpe admits life can sometimes go "unsolved, unrewarded," but he cushions the blow with some hope: "Some nameless you cannot know may be coming to show you unbridled love and light."

This very weird album has the makings of the kind of record that sticks around for years, never fully revealing itself but always giving away enough to keep you interested. KENNETH PARTRIDGE



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Entertainment



NAKED CAME THE SELF-PROMOTER: The man born Robert John Burck has been startling tourists on the streets of New York long enough — he's ready to go global.

Undressed For Success

Clothing is optional, hit status inevitable for the Naked Cowboy

GIMMICKS | After eight years of playing guitar in nothing but cowboy boots, a hat and a pair of briefs (crudely marked "Naked Cowboy," to point out the obvious), Times Square's most famous street performer is working on a debut album as part of his plan for "dominating the commercial landscape of the world."

The disc, which he's hoping to push out next year, is a "little bit country, little bit rock 'n' roll," the Cowboy (real name Robert John Burck) said. "There'll be blues, R&B down the line and Naked Cowboy — it's its own genre of music."

Some of the tracks have evebrowraising titles, the most printable. perhaps, being "Get Your Ass Kicked by a Man in His Underwear."

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the NC $\,$ tried his luck in other cities before

bringing his act to Manhattan, where he's only been arrested twice — one time for trying to lead the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and another for crashing a red-carpet event. He makes a comfortable living from tips, licensing deals with local novelty stores, TV commercials and "checks from countless people, I don't even know where it's coming from."

The Naked Cowboy predicted that - not if, but - "when" his album is a hit, he'll become "a multigazillionaire with castles in every major city."

But he plans to continue entertaining tourists and commuters at ground level: "I want to re-communicate to the masses, literally, that the power does not come from what we have, but what we are. And by being simple, innocent and with the people on a daily basis, that is

Well, there goes the invitation to Diddy's White Party. ERIN CARLSON (AP)

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15 THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00 THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 IDLEWILD (R) 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:40 LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:20 4:50 7:30 10:05

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 8:15 EVERYONE'S HERO (G) ✓ 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:40, 8:30 THE COVENANT (PG13) 5:00, 7:45 CRANK (R) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 CROSSOVER (PG13) 8:15 CHOSSOVER (PG13) 6.13 THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 5:10, 8:00 INVINCIBLE (PG) 1:40, 4:50, 8:45 WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) 4:40, 7:30 BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 4:50

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THE PROTECTOR (R) 4:35, 6:40, 8:45

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GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
THE LAST KISS (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:30, 7:50

MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) 4:45
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY
BOBBY (PG13) 2:45, 5:20, 8:00

HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

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THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) © ✓ 2:15, 5:05, 8:00, 10:45

GRIDIRON GANG (PG13)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:25

THE LAST KISS (R)
2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 THE COVENANT (PG13) 1:05. 3:15. 5:40. 8:05. 10:35 CRANK (R) 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 1:00
INVINCIBLE (PG) 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 1

THE WICKER MAN (PGT3) 1:00 INVINCIBLE (PG) 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 10:15 TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PGT3) 4:40, 10:00

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10
THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05 LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 9:20,

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THE LAST KISS (R) 7 20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

THE COVENANT (PG13) 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50

CRANK (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:25, 7:50, 9:55

CROSSOVER (PG13) 5:10, 9:45

THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

INVINCIBLE (PG1 3:55, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35

ACCEPTED (PG13) 5:15, 0:15

STEP UP (PG13) 2:35, 7:25

WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) 9:15 PM

BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 2:20, 4:35, 6:55

4:35, 6:50 TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:26, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:30, 7:40, 9:55
THE LLUSIONIST (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
IDLEWILD (B) 2:30, 7:30
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40

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410-428-0520
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EVERYONE'S HERO (G) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25
GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05
THE LAST KISS (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE COVENANT (PG13) 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30
CRANK (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 10:00
INVINCIBLE (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
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TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) 7:45. 10:20

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HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 12:55, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35 THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 9:55 THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13) 2:10, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:15, 9:5

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TRUST THE MAN (R) 450
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) 4:20
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) 4:05
ZOOM (PG) 7:20
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STEP UP (PG13) 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 1:10, 230, 5:32

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LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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AMC SELECT

HOLLYWOODLAND (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40 FACTOTUM (R) 1:30, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10 CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN (R) 2:20, 4:40,

THE BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (NR-NOT RATED) 1:50,

4:10, 7:30, 9:50 QUINCEANERA (R) 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:10 LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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9:25, 10:30 GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) © ✓ 12:50, 3:40, 6:35, 9:25 THE LAST KISS (R) ✓ 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40 THE COVENANT (PG13) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 9:30, 10:25 CRANK (R) 1:35, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:20
THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
INVINCIBLE (PG) 1:55, 4:30, 7:25, 9:55
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THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) 4:40, 7:25
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THE COVENANT (PG13) 5:35, 8:15
CHANK (R) 5:25, 7:40 CRANK (R) 5:25, 7:40 CROSSOVER (PG13) 5:00, 7:35 THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 5:15, 8:00 SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) 7:15 STEP UP (PG13) 4:45 BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 4:40,

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THE PROTECTOR (R) 5:30, 7:50 IDLEWILD (R) 5:00, 7:50

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Courthouse and Birch Rd 703-998-4AMC

THE LAST KISS (R) 5 30, 8:00
THE COVENANT (PG13) 5:45, 8:15
CRANK (R) 5:25, 7:30
INVINCIBLE (PG) 5:40, 8:05
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) 4:15, 7:10
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BOBBY (PG13) 4:30, 7:00

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GRIDIRON GANG (PG13) \(\times \) 5:15, 8:00
THE COVENANT (PG13) 5:45, 8:15

INVINCIBLE (PG) 5:30, 8:00 INVINCIBLE (PG) @ 5:30, 8:00 BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 5:45

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

THE COVENANT (PG13) 2:16, 4:50, 7:10
THE PROTECTOR (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30
CRANK (R) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20
BEEREST (R) 6:55
INVINCIBLE (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) 2:20, PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG12) 2:40 8:10

LOEWS DUPONT 5

QUEENS (R) 4:40, 7:10 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 5:00, 7:30

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THE BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (NR-NOT RATED) 4:30 QUINCEANERA (R) 5:30, 7:50 A SCANNER DARKLY (R) 7:00 SCOOP (PG13) 5:10, 7:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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THE BLACK DAHLIA (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10
THE LAST KISS (R) 2:10, 4:20, 7:20
THE WICKER MAN (PG13) 5:00 INVINCIBLE (PG) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 2:15, 7:25

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CROSSOVER (PG-13) DIG
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OC: THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
THE PROTECTOR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG
THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
(HOLLYWOODLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG
THE WICKER MAN (PG-13) DIG (1240 330 545) 815 1030 (115 415) 715 1015 (1220 250 515) 745 1020

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EVERYONE'S HERO (G) DIG
THE FOOTECTOR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG
THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
THE COVENANT (PG-13) DIG
THE WICKER MAN (PG-13) DIG
CRANK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG
THE WICKER MAN (PG-13) DIG
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DEATH BY PERKY: She already annoys people on the Food Network; now Rachael Ray is annoying people on her syndicated talk show. Reports on the show — part talk show, part easygoing version of "Martha Stewart Living" — call it bright, quick and very, very perky.

Not Quite Genius

PBS doc proclaims Andy Warhol's genius, but sells him short

REALITY TV | "American Masters" (9 p.m., PBS, concludes Thursday) presents the two-part, four-hour profile "Andy Warhol: A Documentary Film," by Ric Burns. The film does a great job of exploring Warhol's youth and early influences and his arrival in New York in the early '50s, when he became one of the most sought-after commercial artists in town.

While anyone interested in 20thcentury art will appreciate this doc-



PROTO-EVERYTHING: In the future, we'll all be on reality TV for 15 minutes.

umentary, the deck of experts and artists on hand to talk about Warhol seems very stacked in his favor. The word "genius" is used excessively. Speaking of absurd, Laurie Anderson narrates the film with an icy, rapid delivery that evokes an android imitating Linda Ellerbee.

Despite its length, the film wraps up abruptly after Warhol's near-death in 1968, covering the last two decades of his life and work in about 10 minutes. Burns seems to ignore or dismiss Warhol's influence on the last three decades of the century. That's odd, since Warhol's shadow is seen clearly on everything from underground independent cinema (see today's Cult Choice) to punk rock and reality television. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS

In **JERICHO** (8 p.m., CBS), Skeet Ulrich stars as a moody, mysterious prodigal son who returns to his sleepy Kansas hometown. Then mushroom clouds appear on the horizon. Now we're cut off from a world that may have ended. What do you do? Whom do you trust? And do you want to watch a show this dark and claustrophobic?

DEEP THOUGHTS

KIDNAPPED (10 p.m., NBC) begins with the abduction of the brainy son of a tycoon. The show has an air of moral ambiguity and doom and is a better metaphor than a logical story.

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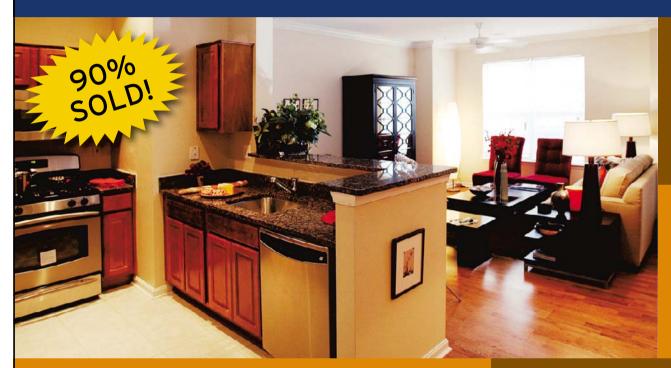
FREEZE ME (10 p.m., National Geographic) explores the subject.

CULT CHOICE

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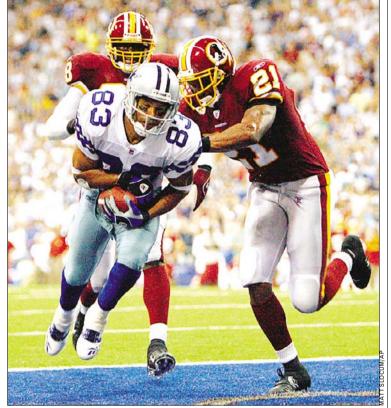
Team was flagged 11 times for 117 yards in loss to rival Cowboys

REDSKINS | One of the first things Redskins coach Joe Gibbs does each week is go over all the penalties from the previous game in detail with the entire team. There's plenty to talk about this time.

"We'll look at our penalty film and we'll talk about it and we talk about the way that can hurt a football team," Gibbs said. "Certainly, we've been hurt by that."

The Redskins were penalized 11 times for 117 yards in Sunday night's 24-10 loss to the Cowboys.

On the drive that seemed to break the back of the Redskins, the Cowboys started with the ball on the 1-yard line. Up by just seven points, the Cowboys drove 99 yards for a touchdown. But they were aided heavily by two key Redskins penalties — defensive holding by cornerback Carlos Rogers, which got Dallas off its own 1-yard line, and a 15-yard



TAKING ADVANTAGE: Terry Glenn, left, catches the Cowboys' final touchdown in the team's 24-10 win. Glenn's catch capped a 99-yard drive aided by two penalties.

face mask by Kenny Wright.

On other Dallas drives, Mike Rumph was penalized twice. One was a 41-yard pass interference call giving the Cowboys the ball on the Redskins' 5-yard line, and the other gave Dallas a first down after an incomplete pass on a third-and-long play.

"We're an aggressive secondary, so they're watching us real close," Rumph said of the referees. "The little things that some other teams might have gotten away with, we're not getting away with."

That might be true. Gregg Williams is known for wanting aggressive, hard-hitting corners to play his defenses. But it doesn't change the fact that the team committed a number of fouls that diminished its chance to win — both early and late in the game.

"I think it's an emphasis thing," Gibbs said. "Toward the end of last year we played extremely well without being a heavily penalized team, and we need to get back to that."

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Former O's Executive Dies at 77

Syd Thrift spent half a century in baseball and 8 years in Baltimore

BASEBALL | Syd Thrift, a former Baltimore Orioles executive who spent nearly a half century in baseball, died at 77.

He underwent knee replacement surgery Monday in Milford, Del., and died that night, the Orioles said.

An autopsy will determine the cause of death.

"He was a great baseball man — both on and off the field — who dedicated his life to the



Thrift

game," Bud Selig said.

Thrift's long baseball career began in 1949 with the Yankees.

He worked with the Orioles' for eight seasons after joining the team in 1994. Five years later, he became the team's VP of baseball operations, a job he held until 2002.

"He was an innovator. He wasn't afraid to take a chance," said Mike Flanagan, now the team's VP of baseball operations. After Thrift left, Flanagan and Jim Beattie shared the vacated role.

"It took two men to replace me," Thrift joked at the time. (AP)

Woods and Furyk: Odd Couple at Ryder Cup

Golfers have different styles but will likely be counted on to lead U.S.

GOLF | On paper and in person, they look nothing alike.

But Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk almost certainly will be partners in this Ryder Cup, a combination that makes sense only to them.

"We have some similarities, we have some differences and we get along pretty well," Furyk said.

Woods and Furyk were together at The K Club during the first practice session leading to the start of Friday's matches, which was no surprise. U.S. captain Tom Lehman saw how they played at the Presidents Cup in October — a 2-0-1 record in team play — and listened to their requests to be partners again.

Their success is crucial to a U.S.



Jim Furyk, left, and Tiger Woods will likely be paired together at The K Club.

team that has lost four of the last five times in the Ryder Cup.

Woods is 1-7 on Fridays at the Ryder Cup, riding an ugly streak of seven straight losses. Furyk, 1-9-1 in team matches, isn't much better.

"You want your best player to go out there and play well and make a statement," Furyk said. (AP)

Chargers Trade for Backup QB Volek

FOOTBALL | The Chargers agreed in principle to acquire quarterback Billy Volek from Tennessee on Tuesday, giving San Diego a veteran to back up first-year starter Philip Rivers.

Volek's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told The Associated Press that Volek was in the process of signing the form to waive his no-trade clause.

The Chargers are believed to be giving up a sixth-round draft pick that could escalate to a fifth-rounder, depending on Volek's playing time. BERNIE WILSON (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Nationals wrap up a three-game series with the Atlanta Braves before their last off-day of the year. Ramon Ortiz takes the mound for the Nats.

BASEBALL (8 P.M. ON ESPN) The Tigers are in Chicago to play the White Sox in one of the biggest series of the year between playoff hopefuls.

BASEBALL (2 P.M. ON ESPN) And two NL Wild Card possibilities meet when the Reds play the Astros.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (MIDNIGHT ON FSN) The women's basketball World Championship starts its quarterfinals.

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N.Y. Yankees	91	59	.607	_	47-28	44-31
Boston	81	69	.540	10	44-29	37-40
Toronto	79	71	.527	12	46-29	33-42
Baltimore	65	85	.433	26	38-39	27-46
Tampa Bay	57	93	.380	34	38-37	19-56

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	90	60	.600	_	45-30	45-30
Minnesota	88	61	.591	1.5	50-24	38-37
Chicago	84	66	.560	6	46-29	38-37
Cleveland	70	79	.470	19.5	38-36	32-43
Kansas City	58	92	.387	32	34-42	24-50
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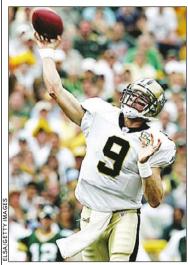
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Florida	74	76	.493	17.5	40-35	34-41
Atlanta	73	77	.487	18.5	36-39	37-38
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On the Saints' Web site, season ticket holders are asking \$690 for upper-deck seats, more for premium seats. So many media members have been credentialed that hundreds will watch on TV from the adiacent New Orleans Arena.

"Could this game be any more hyped up or bigger than it already is?" Saints quarterback Drew Brees asked. Brett Martel (AP)



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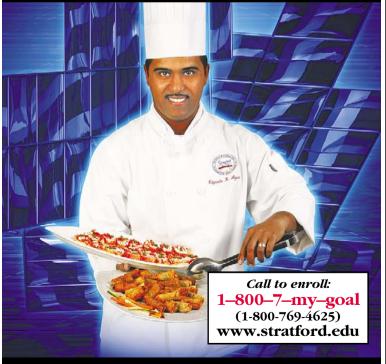
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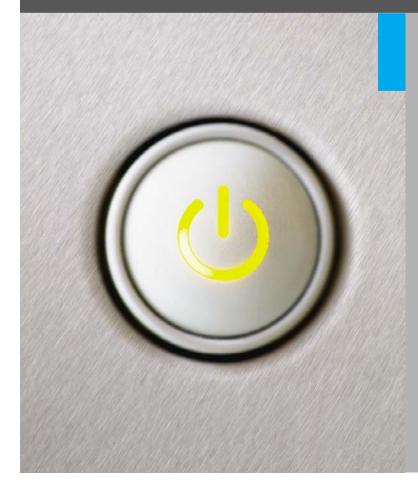
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GRUDGE MATCH: Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, still mad about calls in Saturday's loss to Oregon, said he might cancel his 2008 game at Washington if the PAC-10 requires its officials to referee.



Sports

Searching for Silver Lining

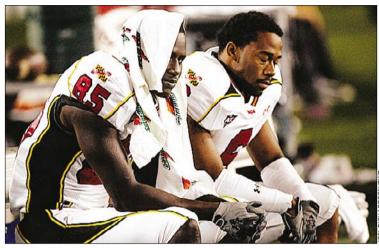
After bad loss, Terps coach decides to focus on his team's positives

TERPS FOOTBALL | Ralph Friedgen walked into his house last week after a long, quiet bus ride home from West Virginia following a 45-24 defeat in which his Terrapins gave up 28 first-quarter points. He was tired, disgusted and miserable.

"It wasn't a good day," he said. "Everything went wrong that could go wrong. We've all had those days. The only [difference] is, you're not on national TV where everyone's seeing them."

Upon watching the game film and considering the ramifications of the loss, Friedgen decided it would be best to, in his words, "accentuate the positives." Surprisingly, he found a few encouraging nuggets in the rubble of the lopsided loss.

"I saw kids that looked adversity in the eve and played as hard as they could possibly play," Friedgen said



DEFEATED: The Terps were down after last week's nationally televised thrashing by West Virginia. But coach Ralph Friedgen said his team played as hard as possible.

during his weekly news conference. "I'm not giving up on those guys. Not at all. You all might, but I'm not."

Before they begin play in the Atlantic Coast Conference against Georgia Tech on Oct. 7, the Terrapins conclude the nonleague portion of their schedule Saturday at home against Florida

International. There's nothing that Maryland needs more than a feelgood victory, which appears to be a distinct possibility against the winless Golden Panthers.

"We have to be 3-1 going into ACC play," tight end Joey Haynos said. "That would be a big confidence boost." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

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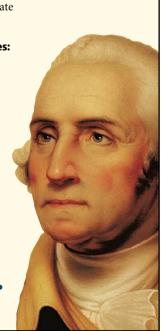
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Still Tops, With the Top Down

Bentley's convertible GTC is proof beauty doesn't need a roof

ROAD TEST | There are just not that many cars in the world that blow up your finely tailored skirt, but the Bentley Continental GT is one. For those with environmental principle, it would be ethically inconsistent to own Bentley's 23/4-ton siege engine of class warfare, a car that vaporizes premium petrochemicals and wafts its own muggy microclimate of greenhouse gases behind. Never mind the fuel economy — the monster tires alone probably represent a barrel of oil each.

And yet, every sighting of the long, prow-intensive fastback is a cardiac event, an aching reminder of the Bentley-shaped hole in your heart. The silent thunder of its approach, $the shimmering \ grille \ of \ mithril, the$ perfect rhythms and symmetry of the body contours streaming back like the folded wings of Valkyries.

In the face of this suffused won-



Usually, the surefire way to make a gorgeous car less gorgeous is to hack the top off of it. But the new Bentley GTC will knock 'em dead, even after losing its head.

derfulness, all you can think is: Now, where did I put my knickers?

None of these feelings gives you optimism about the Continental GTC — the inevitable convertible version of the grandest grand tourer out there. To lop off that top, with its long, sleek rear glass, seems at the outset to put a miserable thumb on the scales of the car's balance. Other rakish cars attempting to create a smooth visual transition from the canvas top to the rear deck lid have resorted to ugly chicanery.

With the GTC, Bentley created for itself a monumental task: to make the convertible every bit

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as beautiful as the coupe. Mission accomplished, in a close-enoughfor-hand-grenades sort of way. With the top up, the GTC has a slightly whittled appearance, as if it were the victim of a hatcheting haircut. With the top down, the car looks fantastic.

Among the reasons Bentlev didn't resort to a retractable hardtop is that these devices tend to leave the rear deck lid puzzle-pieced with shut lines and seams — engineers also wanted to save weight and space in a car that had little of either to spare. When the Bentley's top is down, there's only a single continuous shut line, which is hardly noticeable next to the beautiful icy bow of chrome that encircles the rear compartment. The long and gracious rear deck lid and leather tonneau seem swiped from the back of a Kennebunkport motor launch.

This was no easy install. The top, supplied by Karmann, is an electrohydraulic mechanism that, when up, forms a Tupperware-like seal on the rear deck lid - no exterior latches. DAN NEIL (THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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They are people such as 37-yearold Brian McCollum of Litchfield Park, Ariz., who on a recent day rolled his Bourget custom chopper out of his trailer at Bolsa Chica State Beach in Orange County, Calif.

McCollum's Fleetwood "toy hauler" is tricked out with brushed aluminum cabinets and retro red and black fabrics. When he's not using it at the beach or to cart his motocross bikes to sand dunes, he finds other uses. Once, after a long night of partying, he parked it in the lot of a Phoenix bar where he and nine buddies slept off their hangovers.



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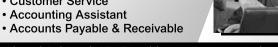


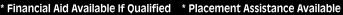
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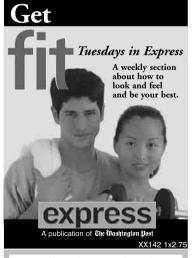
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Marketing

Professional sports leagues try to add to their female fan base

They sat front and center on aluminum bleachers in the middle of August, wiping away sweat and battling humidity as they leaned forward to get a closer look at the bulging muscles of football players they drove nearly two hours to see.

The sound of shoulder pads bouncing off each other just inches from where Leslie Mulligan, 47, and her 85-year-old mother sat didn't deter the Hermitage, Pa., women. They peeked over sunglasses and leaned closer to the field to study how the plays develop, clutching freshly printed team rosters and taking notes.

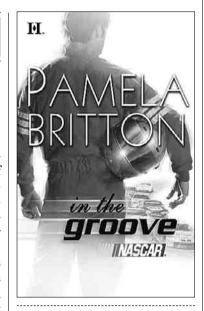
No. 92, the 6-foot-5-inch, 365pound Cleveland Browns nose tackle, Ted Washington, caught Mulligan's eye during the training camp practice. "He's so big but he can really move around," she said.

Forget the tight end jokes. These women are serious sports fans, and there are millions of them nation-wide with money to spend and devotion to give to franchises that are no longer ignoring them.

Well, don't entirely dismiss the tight ends.

Many female fans admittedly are interested in more than the on-field play. And sports teams, advertisers and others are finding that the softer side of athletes — and the women who love them — are big business.

More women mean an opportunity for teams to make money from more sponsors, said Marti Barletta, president of the Chicago-based consulting firm TrendSight Group, which specializes in marketing to women. And the franchises are finding an added bonus: women tend to be fiercely loyal customers.



"Most guys will turn off a game if their team isn't going to win," she said. "Women will hang in there. They sort of have a bond with the players."

That emotional tie to sports is a big part of Ivette Ricco's femmefan.com, an ESPN-meets-People Magazine style Web site that has grown from 10,000 visitors a month in 2004 to more than 2 million monthly now. Besides news stories, the site designed for women offers blogs, lifestyle features on players, a clock counting down the seconds to the start of the NFL season, downloads of songs like "If Chicks Ran the NFL," and a self-explanatory photo feature called "Locker Room Lookers."

The Cleveland Indians have capitalized on the popularity of heart-throb center fielder Grady Sizemore with pink "Mrs. Sizemore" T-shirts that sold out in one day and a television ad in which the superstar invites fans to the ballpark, calling baseball "a game for the ladies."

Tiffany Pearson, 23, a project manager in Palm Harbor, Fla., helps run the "Grady's Ladies" fan club. The Ohio native said most members are lifelong fans devoted to sport first, sex appeal second.

"Grady's Ladies exists because Grady Sizemore is an amazing



GRADY'S LADY: Cleveland Indians fan Tiffany Pearson shows off her collectibles from her favorite player, Grady Sizemore.

Cheer Leaders

NUMBERS GAME

The stats show women play a big part in pro sports marketing:

46 The percentage of NBA fans who are women.
40 The percentage of NASCAR fans who are women.
20M The number of women who watched the '06 Super Bowl.
100M The dollar amount of NBA merchandise sold to women.

player. The added bonus is that he is handsome and has the cutest dimples we've ever seen," she said.

During this year's playoffs, the NBA launched a marketing campaign specific to women that included ads in entertainment magazines, more articles about players off the court and an appeal to the emotions by highlighting the story lines on the court. The result: Female viewership was up 33 percent

on male-dominated ESPN, said Carol Albert, vice president of league advertising and marketing.

"In the Groove," by best-selling author Pamela Britton, was the first Harlequin title released just before the Daytona 500 in January. It's about a desperate, jobless kindergarten teacher who takes a job with Lance Cooper, a fictional racing champ she knows nothing about. The pair get acquainted on his tour bus, and let's just say engines get started.

Canada-based Harlequin spokeswoman Marleah Stout said sales of the books — 200,000 have been printed — are brisk. The partnership has been so successful that the company plans 21 NASCAR-themed books next year, printing more than a million novels, she said.

Stout said the partnership was a natural because Harlequin knows women and "NASCAR wants to pay more attention to their female fan base because it is growing." She says the hookup is like fried ice cream: "Sounds ridiculous, but it's delicious." CONNIE MABIN (AP)



Cart Before the Horse

Technology

Grocers' new, fancy way to shop may not be worth financial risk

It took a grocer's offer of a cookie to finally tear 4-year-old Trey Malcom away from the small TV screen in his shopping cart.

Even then, his eyes shot back to the monitor the moment he accepted the sprinkled treat from the Publix grocery store clerk. "He's in his own world," said his mother. Amy Malcom, who was, for once, at peace as she filled her cart with veggies and snacks.

To parents, the TV Kart and its "Bob the Builder" and "Barney" videos allow a few precious moments while they check off their grocery lists. But to reluctant grocers, it could be nothing more than another expense with little payoff in the notoriously lowmargin grocery business.

Over the years, high-tech shopping carts in one form or another Unless you're going to do something that's going to give a direct customer

benefit, it's never

going to catch on."

DOUG BARTLETT CABCO GROUP

have been hyped as ways to keep people in stores longer and to spend more money, only to fall short of expectations. Some blurted out recipe tips or displayed video ads. Others spit out coupons.

Each idea might have improved the stores' hip factor, but each also had little immediate effect on bottom lines. And if grocers don't see a bump in sales, high-tech carts quickly become expendable, said Dave Hogan, the chief information officer of the Washingtonbased National Retail Federation.

"There has to be a business rationale," Hogan said. "A cus-



A 4-year-old watches TV as his mother roams the aisles using a high-tech cart.

tomer might think it's kind of cool, but there's got to be a payback. And they're not proving their payback yet."

Still, companies are trying where others have failed, banking on technological advances.

The Personal Shopping Assistant, developed by IBM Corp. and Cuesol Inc., allows customers to fill out a grocery list on their home computers, then log into the system at the store to organize their trips.

A small screen mounted on a cart shows a running tally of what customers buy and also can show where items on the list are located. The system costs between \$60,000 and \$120,000 per store, and it's being used in more than two dozen supermarkets.

"I don't know that grocers are ready yet. But I believe they are. And I think they are because guys like us have finally found out what makes sense," said Mike Grimes, Cuesol's vice president of sales and business development. "In the next 12 months, we should know whether this thing will catch fire or not."

A competing device called Concierge, which is made by Toronto-based Springboard Retail Networks Inc., expects to announce a trial in a major market by year's end, said Sylvain Perrier, the company's vice president of technology.

Cabco Group Ltd., the New Zealand-based company that makes the TV Kart, argues that past attempts failed because they offered shoppers no real advantage.

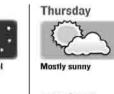
This is all about improving the shopping experience. Unless you're going to do something that's going to give a direct customer benefit, it's never going to catch on," said Doug Bartlett, the company's business development manager. GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)

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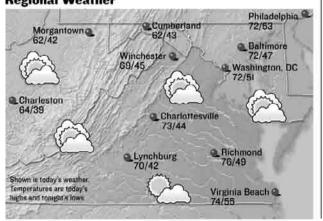
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Styles LOOK





ONE-STOP POP: McCarroll's designs showed a blending of a '60s aesthetic, such as the patchwork turtleneck at left and oversized sunglasses, with modern touches, such as the puffed sleeves on the jacket at right.

Season One winner finally takes the stage

NEW YORK

Runway

REPORT

Pictures of the lines created by the final four contestants of this season's "Project Runway" are all over the Internet, leading to much prognostication over who will take home the big prize. But plenty of buzz was generated by the much-delayed debut show of Season One winner Jay McCarroll, whose collection hit the runway this past Friday. The designer talked with Fashion Wire Daily's Lauren David Peden before his designs walked down the aisle.

What's the inspiration/theme for this collection?

Archigram, an architectural movement in the late 1960s/early 1970s in England. I used to go to the library in college and procrastinate on my 15-page papers and read this amazing little book about Archigram.

What shapes, colors and fabrics can we expect?

The shapes are all over the place. It is tight and voluminous and

short and long and layered. The colors are black, gray, silver, white, yellow, green, blue, brown and orange. In that order. Fabrics are also all over the place. I have patchwork pieces that contain all sorts of combinations of fabrics. The rest is cotton, nylon, polyester ... you name it. I even have some stuff made out of bamboo/cotton blend. It's really amazing. Anything but fur and leather.



Is this collection women's only or is it both men's and women's?

Men's and women's.

McCarroll

What do you think will be most surprising about this

collection to people who only know your work from "Project Runway?"

The line is still very me. I think it will be exciting to see my menswear or an overall larger body of work.

Is it still your goal to design for the masses, so to speak? Any closer to reaching that goal in terms of your financial backers/distribution?

Most definitely. I have a very accessible line ready for the stores. Of course, I am always willing to entertain the perfect financial partnership.

How do you feel about showing in the tents now, solo, after all the "PR" hoopla and everything that's happened since your win?

I'm psyched about showing in the tents. It really is the most convenient place to show your line. one-stop shopping, if you will. Also, I am only able to show this line in the tents because of the generosity of the Humane Society of the United States, which is a really nice partnership for me, considering I am a fur-free designer. Without them, I would have been showing my line in a burnt-out bus on the West Side Highway.

Can we expect to see any of your fellow "PR" alums/judges/models in the audience at your show?

I hope so. All of them got invites. Unfortunately, the Season Three finale is being filmed that day until 6 p.m., so some folks won't be able to attend because my show is at 5 p.m. Hopefully, they will wrap early and be able to get there.

Who will we never sit in the front row of your show, "PR" alums or otherwise?

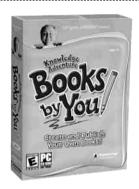
Snarky, snarky! I have those I adore and those I abhor. Overall, I'm an equal-opportunity employer.

Will you be driving a Saturn onstage for your post-show bow?

Not unless they send me one.

While the line shuns cruelty to animals, the glasses at left are a cruelty to anyone with eyeballs.

Games



Now You Can Help Your Kids Write Good

New software BOOKS BY YOU (\$20, retailers nationwide) now lets kids create, edit, illustrate and personalize their own books. The game teams up with with John Lithgow—the "Footloose" actor turned children's book author—who appears throughout in video and audio segments. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Shoes



Go Westwood!

A special line of Nine West shoes designed by style great Vivienne Westwood is now available at ninewest.com. Styles range from the "Gladiator" boot (above, \$475) to the more subdued "Ballerina" flats (\$250). You can also find bags, belts and a mini-kilt. The tartan-focused collection is the first of three partnerships between the shoeline and highend designers; the styles are each available for only a month. The next designers will be Sophia Kokosalaki and Thakoon Panichgul, K.P.K.

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Bid Adieu to Your Flip-Flops

FOOTWEAR | Now that the end of summer is officially upon us, it's time to put away those flipflops. Seriously. Just like college freshmen who love to wear sweatpants to Psychology 101, some Washingtonians will find any excuse to wear flip-flops, even if their feet might be better suited for a Lamisil nail fungus commercial.

It's your right to wear open-toed shoes whenever you want, of course. But that doesn't mean the rest of us need to be wary of your vulnerable feet. Here are some suggestions:

1. Flip-flops and rush hour don't mix. No matter how comfortable you think wearing flip-flops with a business suit around 5:30 p.m. on the Red Line might be, you're

running the risk of someone's foot stepping on yours through general transit interaction. Also, don't yell out "Hey!" to the rest of the train if your toes are stepped on. That'll only cause undue stress to terrorwary transit riders.

2. When you're out at a club and the bathroom is having water issues because of neglected plumbing, please don't tell other patrons to "be careful where you're splashing." Yes, it must be unpleasant for you. But it's your problem.

3. When one of your flip-flops breaks while you're walking on 18th Street Northwest and your bare foot is touching concrete and urban filth, expect passersby to laugh. Please don't say, "It's



GOODBYE TO SUMMER: Hopefully, you are putting away your flip-flops for fall.

not funny." Because it is.

The overarching message: The city can be cruel to your feet. Don't expect it to play nice just because you've scaled back your foot protection. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

News From Bangkok

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"There is a terrible explanation for why the drink works, including something about simple sugars and the 'psychological effects of drinking something called Cocaine."

JOSSIP.COM SCOFFS AT A NEW ENERGY DRINK CALLED "COCAINE: THE LEGAL ALTERNATIVE" AND IMMEDIATELY SUG-GESTS LINDSAY LOHAN SHOULD TRY IT.

Fashion Emergency

"This morning on the Metro, I saw a woman wearing: red high heels with socks, horizontally striped black-and-white leggings, a Jersey T-shirt with a lime green 'Juicy' velour hoodie over it and over the hoodie, a gauzy, linen-y, electric blue hippy jam band dress ..."

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Twisted Girlfriend

"We went in on this together and now you spend time shirking your responsibility....[Y]ou are so incredibly whipped ... You have no idea what her games and her manipulations do to us. Watching her twist you like a piece of clay. ... You can't go 24 hours without her. ... [Y]ou can't breathe without calling her. That's not a relationship, that's an addiction."

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"It wasn't quite 'The West Wing,' but I can see how this program is going to come into its own ..."

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Live Online

Spinach Scare

Lean Plate columnist **SALLY SQUIRES** was online Tuesday at washington-post.com to answer questions about how to deal with the E. coli outbreak in spinach last week.

When will it be safe to eat or handle raw spinach again? Is frozen spin-



ach OK, since I am cooking it at a roiling boil?

The Food and Drug Administration says if you cook spinach at

160 degrees for 15 seconds, you will kill any possible E. coli bacteria that happens to be present. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit — that's 100 degrees Celsius. And, yes, frozen and canned is not affected by the warning. Only thing we are advised not to eat is fresh spinach.

Isn't the spinach ban specific to products grown in California? Spinach from local farm markets in other states aren't banned, are they? Sorry, but the current advice is to skip all fresh spinach for now. But the FDA is quite aware that there are farmers throughout the country who are now in limbo with crops ready to be harvested. They are trying to work as quickly as possible to give more details. But remember that the outbreak is now in 21 states. And while the FDA has collected a lot of info on the spinach eaten, they are still deep into this investigation.

Isn't it going a bit far to tell readers not to eat any raw spinach? Not all spinach is grown on the industrial scale needed to supply the supermarkets.

No, it's not all grown industrially. In fact, I saw a local farmer interviewed who has small fields. But until the FDA and the CDC track this problem down, the advice is to skip all raw spinach.

Would the produce washes (usually in a bottle) available in grocery stores alleviate the problem? How helpful are they?

The FDA is investigating whether the E. coli outbreak might have contaminated plants from the roots. If that's the case, then it could be that washing would not help.



MISS THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The United States debuts this month in global elephant polo championship play (elephantpolo.com), with the finals in December, so start writing your coverage-request letters to ESPN. It's the World Cup all over again! Kind of!

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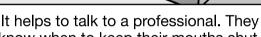
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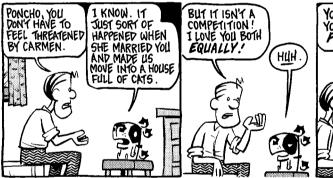
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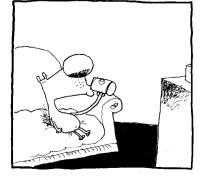


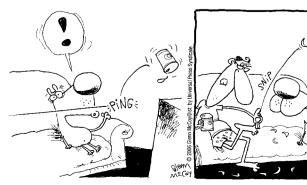




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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be wondering what all the fuss is about — and, indeed, there does seem to be something special in the air. Focus on the task at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Not everyone will be aware of your true intentions at this time, and you needn't feel compelled to explain yourself. Stick to what you know best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be striving for something that is likely to remain out of reach for some time but the process itself can give you a great deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can expect to encounter one or two people who are not willing to give you the credit you deserve. Despite this, you know vour worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Everything is bound to feel more vibrant and exciting to you, as a result of a recent shift in attitude and an outlook overhaul.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can expect a fight to the finish — but remember, when all is said and done, your closest competitor may also be a most valued friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Focus on relationship issues. You can't afford to pass up an opportunity at this time to examine that which is most important to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're going to have to combine the physical and the emotional with the intellectual and the psychological. Strive to be wellrounded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll want to know, before the day is out, just what it is that gives you the advantage at this time — if, indeed, you have one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Organization is the key to success. Any moment you may find yourself with too many things to do at one time; schedule with care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're in the mood to do things the old-fashioned way — but someone may insist you experiment with a new and risky method or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a chance to start something that could, quite possibly, pay off in unimagined ways in the near future. You can afford to be more

Letters

Gibbs Needs to Make Change

THE PROBLEM WITH JOE Gibbs is he's become too soft and indecisive ("Swengali," Sept. 19). The Redskins are in trouble and he still has a wait-and-see attitude, which can only dig a deeper hole. All that

talent still needs someone who can bring out the best in them, and so far it's not Mark Brunell and it's not Al Saunders. I say start Jason Campbell now. He can't do any worse, 'cause they're bad already. Football is a game of inches and if the Redskins can't move the chains, it ain't football, it's foolsball.

> -CAROLYN JOHNSON Silver Spring, Md.

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Today in History

1519 Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia.

Former New York City 4 Mayor Fiorello La Guardia

1973 In their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.



Billie Jean King, left, defeated Bobby Riggs in the "battle of the sexes."

1976 Playboy magazine releases an interview in which Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter admits he's "looked on a lot of women with lust '

LOOK People

HOBBIES

Bored With Career, Eminem Needlessly Prolongs Divorce

EMINEM, his estranged wife and their lawyers met privately in a judge's chambers Tuesday but failed to agree on terms for the couple's second divorce. "We didn't settle it, so all we did was set it for mediation," Macomb County, Mich., Circuit Judge Antonio Viviano told reporters after the conference. Eminem filed for divorce from Kimberley Mathers on April 5, 82 days after their second wedding. The couple had daughter Hailie in 1996, married in 1999, divorced in 2001, remarried on Jan. 14 and then quickly separated again. (AP)



Alternative dispute resolution is just a huge topic in the rap world right now.

PROGRESS

Not Suicide or Homicide



More than a week after her son mysteriously died beside her hospital bed, ANNA NICOLE SMITH remained out of

sight as officials announced that his death was not a suicide or homicide. With toxicology tests pending, the official cause may not be publicly known before a jury inquest starting Oct. 23. Smith, who gave birth to a baby girl three days before her son's death, is expected to be summoned. (AP)

ONLY EXPLANATION

Cosmic Rift Swapped Parties for Normal People

ASHANTI and her first producer, Genard Parker, dropped all litigation Tuesday in a contract dispute, ending a trial that began a day before. Their lawyers said only that all were happy it was over. "I'm very pleased the plaintiff has voluntarily dismissed the case against us," Ashanti said. (AP)





FILE UNDER:

Angel, Touched By

Singer AMY GRANT was joined by husband VINCE GILL, friends and fans Tuesday as she was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. "I see all my family, co-workers and friends and I have to say nothing happens alone," said Grant, 45. "Life is like a massive vessel. You don't sail alone, and sometimes I feel like the naked lady on the front of the ship." (AP)



We hope he gets Sexy's airline miles.

INCONVENIENCE

Timbers Must Schlep Sexy On a Trans-Atlantic Flight

The Red Hot Chili Peppers were nominated in four categories, including best album, for the 2006 MTV Europe Music Awards, to be hosted by JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE in Copenhagen on Nov. 2. Madonna, Shakira, Nelly Furtado, Christina Aguilera, Kanye West and Muse had three nominations each. (AP)

WISDOM

Also, Change Your Name Often — Keeps It Interesting

The principal at Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin High School wanted a speaker who would get



students' attention. The cheers when SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS took the stage told him he'd found one. "This

is a really important time for you all right now," Combs said. "This is the time that is going to dictate your future." His advice: Work hard and stay in school. "Take responsibility for your future," Combs said. (AP)



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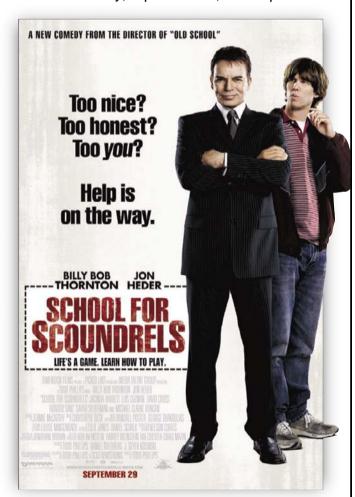


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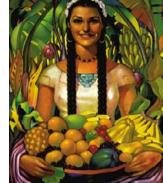
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Untitled oil on canvas By Jorge González Camarena Colección Museo Soumava Photo by Javier Hinoiosa

and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. The Smithsonian International Gallery is located in the S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW. For more details, visit www.latino.si.edu.

Metrorail: Smithsonian station on the Blue/Orange lines. Metrobus: 13A, 13B, 52 or V7.

Get a Taste of Italy in DC

Washington's Italian community will bring an authentic slice of Italy to the nation's capital this Sunday, Sept. 24. The eighth annual Festa Italiana takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. along Third and F streets NW, and will feature authentic food, performances and family fun. An array of Italian delicacies like sausage, meatball subs, panini and gelato will be on hand to tempt your palate. Festivalgoers can also enjoy a free Italian lesson from the Casa Italiana Language School, shop for Italian jewelry and play bocce. Special cooking demonstrations will be given by members of the Associazione Culturale di Gattinara, who are flying in from Italy just for the festival. For more details, visit www.festaitalianadc.com.

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National Building Museum Goes Green

Explore the latest innovations in environmentally friendly design at the **National Building Museum's** exhibition, "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design." Visitors can learn how architects are combining new, hightech materials with old-fashioned architectural wisdom to create homes for families that are attractive. comfortable and environmentally friendly. To highlight the exhibition, the museum also is hosting a number of special events, tours, workshops and family programs. For more details, visit www.nbm.org.

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TOWN HALL MEETING

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Many Metrobus Bus Routes to Change on Sept. 24

In an effort to improve service reliability and reflect current traffic conditions, Metro has made changes on more than 70 Metrobus routes. The changes will go into effect on Sunday, Sept. 24, on the following Metrobus routes:

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For complete details about the Metrobus schedule changes, see the Metrobus Service Changes brochure at MetroOpensDoors.com. You can also pick up a copy of this brochure onboard any of the bus routes listed above and at a Metrorail station near you. The brochure is available in English and Spanish and includes detailed descriptions of the service changes that could affect your travel. Customers who use these bus routes are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new schedules.



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This Time It's Personal

Get to know B'more at five B&Bs with personality to spare

A trip to Baltimore is wasted on a chain hotel. Spend the night with conventioneers in a city whose greatest pride is its people? No way. These five bed and breakfasts specialize in personal touches — even if that touch means leaving you alone.

Do ruffles give you seizures? THE INN AT 2920 (\$155-\$225. 2920 Elliott St.: 410-342-4450: theinnat2920.com), in the hip Canton area, combines boutiquehotel luxury with B&B ambience. Each bed boasts a minimum of 350-thread-count sheets, all rooms save one have Jacuzzi tubs, and the whole place is wired for WiFi. The five rooms range from the Gato Casa, with its ultramodern platform bed, to the classier-than-itsounds Bordello room, named for a shadier period in the house's history.

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Glenda Gentner, owner of Glenda's Bed and Breakfast, serves tea every afternoon.

Three suites have beta fish — Jim, Valentino and Columbus.

Every party needs a hostess, and you won't find a friendlier one than Glenda Gentner, who rents out two rooms in the Reservoir Hill house she and her husband have owned for 32 years. Everything about **GLENDA'S BED AND BREAKFAST (\$120-\$130,** 2028 Park Ave.; 410-383-8535)

screams personality, from the mural of clouds in the foyer, handpainted by a neighbor, to Gentner's Texas-sized welcome (she hails from Aspermont, population: 900). The common areas are tchotchkeriffic, with knicknacks covering every surface; the guest rooms, while less cluttered, retain a familial aura. The comforts of home increase the longer you stay: "If guests stay a week, I just throw their laundry in with mine," said Gentner.

GRAMERCY MANSION (\$75-\$250,1400 Greenspring Valley Rd.; 410-486-2405; gramercymansion .com), on the outskirts of town, is the kind of place where it's easy to pretend you're rich. The 11 rooms, nine of which have private baths, sit on a 45-acre plot that includes trails, a tennis court, a pool and a playground (unlike many B&Bs, Gramercy welcomes kids). Rooms range from the over-the-top romance of the Camelot room, which looks like Cupid explod-

ed, to the Hunt Room, where the green walls and dark wood conjure images of deer fleeing for their lives.

Not into the making-conversation-over-breakfast-with-strangers element of B&Bs? The 1870 GUEST **HOUSE** (\$115-\$125, 21 S. Stricker St.; 410-947-4622) in southwest Baltimore (aka SoWeBo) negates the issue by offering only one room. And it has its own kitchen and key, so guests are free to skulk about in private. Owners Frank and Dana Trovato stock the wee kitchen with cheese, bread, smoked salmon and eggs, then leave you alone.

With 37 rooms, THE INN AT HENDERSON'S WHARF (\$179 - \$209,1000 Fell St.; 410-522-7777; hendersonswharf.com) is an easy walk from the Inner Harbor and Little Italy. Rooms overlook either the marina or the well-tended garden. B&B virgins will appreciate the blending of a traditional luxury hotel with the character of a small inn. The rooms have flat-screen TVs. free bottles of wine and WiFi, but there's a backstory, too: The exposed brick walls (much of which were submerged after Hurricane Isabel) date back more than 200 years. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)





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A Purple People

Ravens fans tailgate in droves and have a thing for E.A. Poe

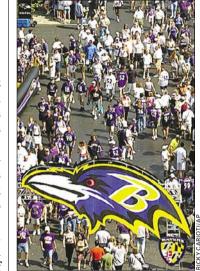
There's something fishy about Ravens games, literally. Green Bay has its brats, Carolina has its barbecue and Baltimore has its seafood

Eight Sundays a year, thousands of purple-clad fans such as Mike Brown arrive at M&T Bank Stadium hours before kickoff to start their game-day experience.

With a Natty Boh — National Bohemian Beer - on one side and grills full of shrimp, rockfish and, of course, crabs on the other, Ravens fans create as unique an atmosphere as seen in an NFL city.

Brown, who lives on the Eastern Shore, wakes up at 7 a.m. so he can set up in Charm City by 9 a.m. for early afternoon games. "At an innercity stadium, I've never seen so much tailgating," said Brown, whose Ravens Roost blog (ravens.most valuablenetwork.com) offers daily opinions about his favorite team.

From Russell Street to the onsite parking lots, the scene of tents full of fans is one to behold. And everyone is wearing something purple, be it a Ray Lewis or Todd



You don't want to be a Steelers fan in this throng of purple Ravens lovin'.

Heap jersey, team stickers or the ever-popular beads.

"It's a city of purple on Sundays," said Megan Collins, the Ravens' coordinator of events and entertainment.

Between Oriole Park and Camden Yards and the football stadium is an area known as the Ravens Walk, and it's a virtual sea of activity on game days. Aside from the tailgating, there's something for the youngest fans up to followers of Johnny Unitas and the old Baltimore Colts.

Among the offerings provided by the team are a tent where fans can make last-minute changes to their fantasy football teams, photo ops with the cheerleaders (the Ravens are the only NFL team with male cheerleaders who perform stunts), autograph sessions with Baltimore football legends and a 250-piece marching band known as the "Marching Ravens," which performs before the game and at halftime.

Did we mention the mascots? Three ravens named Edgar, Allen and Poe.

Don't get the wrong idea, though. The game's the thing.

You know it's a good day for the hometown team when there's plenty of "Moose" calls for running back Musa Smith.

As if any extra excitement was needed, the addition of quarterback Steve McNair this year has re-energized the Ravens faithful, Brown said.

"A lot of people see him as the savior," said Brown.

Ravens fans have a lot to crow about it seems. And who knows? Maybe they'll splurge on lobster if another Super Bowl is in their future. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



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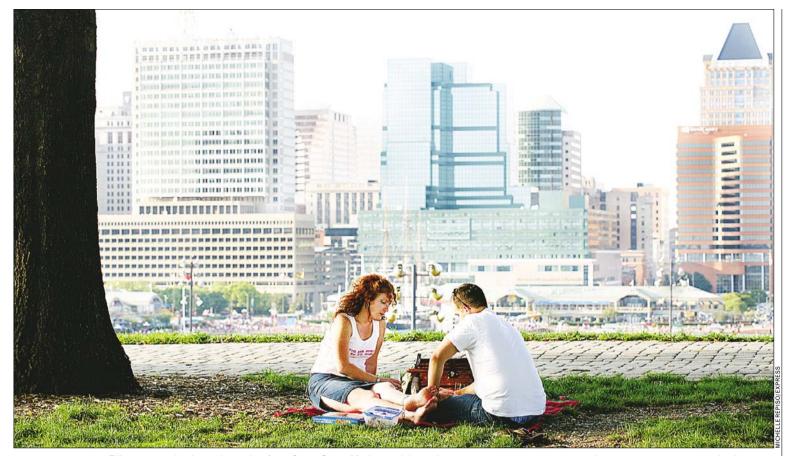






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A Federal Hill High

Baltimore's loftiest 'hood offers views, brews and cool shops

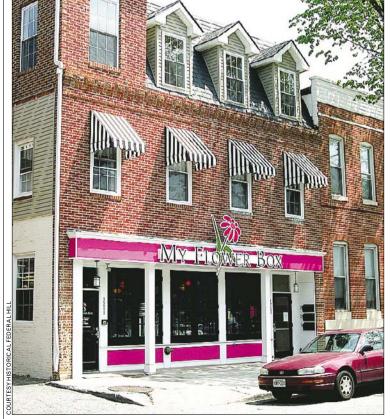
First on the list of Baltimore's attractions is the Inner Harbor. But most tourists never get a chance to see it the way locals do: from the top of Federal Hill. The grassy mound that marks the beginning of South Baltimore rises above the famed National Aquarium to reveal a majestic view of Charm City's ships and skyline. And you can enjoy the hill while swinging at its playground, jogging along its popular trail or just picnicking at the edge.

Early settlers were drawn to the high spot for its strategic military importance. In the 1970s, many folks returned to the 'hood to rehab its then-inexpensive real estate. Residents today linger for treelined streets of brick row houses with colorful trim and flower beds, plus the myriad dining options and close-knit community.

The centerpiece of the area is

the covered Cross Street Market (Cross Street between Light and Charles streets), filled with stalls that draw shoppers from all over the city. Last Saturday, women from Glen Burnie oohed over the chip steak at Nunnally Bros. Choice Meats, while Jon Kraull Jr. — who's lived in Federal Hill for his whole 48 years — picked up pastries from Piedigrotta Bakery. Behind the counter, apprentice baker Andrew Helms boasted that the owner, Carmantonio Iannaccone, invented tiramisu in Italy in the 1960s (try a serving for \$3.50). On one end, Nick's prepped the bar for the next day's Ravens game. At the other, families with toddlers caught up over steaming cups of coffee from Big Jim's Deli.

"It's truly like a small-town neighborhood," said Gwendy Long, owner of new boutique Holly G (1018 S. Charles St.), which hawks "classic girly" looks from small designers otherwise not found in Baltimore, such as Frankie B. and MarieMarie. Although visiting Cross Street



 $The \ leafy \ neighborhood \ streets \ boast \ hopping \ shops, \ restaurants \ and \ bars.$

Market beats going to a generic grocery store, and the bar scene always boomed here (think Adams Morgan), Federal Hill's shopping had lagged until recently.

Now visitors can saunter down South Charles, Cross or Light streets and find clothing (at Holly G or Amy's Boutique, which specializes in more mature looks), jewelry (at Zelda Zen or the Gilded Peach) or home furnishings (there are stunning pieces at Patrick Sutton Home and Home on the Harbor, which

At Cross
Street Market,
food stalls sell
everything
from steak
to pastries.

also sells the best possible souvenirs: gorgeous black-and-white prints from late Baltimore Sun photographer A. Aubrey Bodine).

Craving a bite? Locals crowd into Spoons (24 E. Cross St.), a laid-back cafe with mismatched couches and an out-of-this-world roast of the day, and Metropolitan (902 S. Charles St.), a wine bar serving everything from bagels and eggs for breakfast at 7 a.m. to shiraz at 11 p.m. Long, who grew up in Los Angeles, declared that Blue Agave (1032 Light St.) has "the best Mexican food I've had on the East Coast." And foodies will be happy to slip into Bicycle (1444 Light St.), a bistro with eclectic global cuisine.

Nightspots also dominate the hill. The Thirsty Dog (20 E. Cross St.) serves flavored brews and, true to its name, lets pooches lap up water, too. Opening soon: Illusions, a magic-themed lounge that'll feature decadent cocktails garnished with live tricks.

If the goodies atop the hill aren't enough to fill your day, head down to the foot of it to the American Visionary Art Museum (800 Key Hwy.). Its fantastical sculptures and paintings — created by self-trained artists — are undeniably weird and beautiful, which makes sense in a rough-around-the-edges city such as Baltimore. And you wouldn't know that if you just kept to the Inner Harbor.

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Time to Chow, Hon

Five delicious ways to taste the diverse cuisine of Baltimore

Admit it — you have a soft spot for Baltimore. Many of us do. It's a soulful city, with a quirky particularity that lets you know vou're not anywhere else. People call you "Hon" on the street, and are surprised to hear you're from anywhere else. A city of nooks like Baltimore rewards exploration, and food makes an excellent excuse. Here are five brunch places that highlight a few of the city's different flavors. NICOLE LEISTIKOW

Ze Mean Bean Cafe

East Baltimore's Eastern European roots run deep. Ze Mean Bean Cafe, in well-preserved Fells Point, puts its own spin on that history by serving sophisticated neo-Slavic cuisine in a converted row home. A rich cream of crab soup, for example, in addition to sweet lump meat and



Try the breakfast burritos at the Golden West Cafe in kitschy-fun Hampden.

the expected sherry, surprises with a vodka infused accent of beet purée. A Polish Farmer's Omelet with kielbasa is not a shock, but you can also choose eggs with bosc pear and brie. Don't forget to order pierogies with that mimosa. When you're done, duck next door to Krakus Deli,

where you can smell smoky meats and hear Polish being spoken before wandering a few blocks down cobblestone streets to the water.

→ 1739 Fleet St.; 410-675-5999; zemeanbean.com; brunch served Sat. and Sun. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Miss Shirley's

Back in the day, racist real estate covenants kept tony Roland Park off-limits to Jews and blacks. Today, folks from both communities rub shoulders over Miss Shirley's satisfying Southerninspired dishes with a Baltimore flair. Crab and Nova are featured in fresh omelets and sandwiches, as are andouille sausage, smoked ham and applewood-smoked bacon. Grits with cream and mascarpone, crunchy sweet corn cakes with heirloom tomato relish, and fried green tomatoes aren't scarce either. Puffy French toast can be topped with summer berries or coconut and bruleed bananas.

Don't forget to bring the newspaper: The wait runs 30 minutes to an hour, but may shorten when Shirley's moves to larger digs in a couple months.

→ 410 W. Cold Spring Lane; 410-889-5272; missshirleys.com; brunch served Sat. and Sun. from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$9-\$14

Gertrude's

The Cone Sisters, Baltimore's art visionaries, appreciated modernism when Picasso was still selling drawings for \$3. By hanging out with Gertrude Stein and her brother Leo in Paris, they collected more than 500 works by the likes of Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne and Matisse. Then they gave it to the Baltimore Museum of Art, where it became the Cone Collection.

A few hours in the spin-off cafe, Gertrude's - seated outside in thesculpture garden next to works by Rodin and Calder, with sparrows nibbling crumbs under the table is an enviable experience. The food, elegant and unpretentious, lives up to the setting. There's a crab version of eggs Benedict, of course, and a mix of soups, sandwiches, and salads, as well as steaks, from ahi tuna to rib eye.

→ Gertrude's is located inside The Baltimore Museum of Art, 10 Art Museum Dr.: 410-889-3399; brunch served Sat. and Sun. from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., \$7-\$21

Golden West Cafe

We guess it's the love of kitsch, Southwestern, Asian fusion and breakfast food (served all day)

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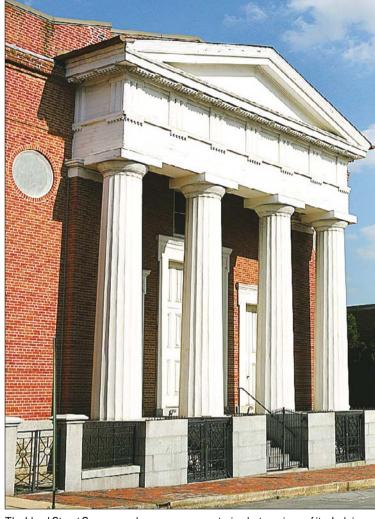
Sealed With a Knish

A new look for the city's oldest Jewish neighborhood

So my mother is a lifelong Baltimorean and her friend tells her, "Have you been down by Lombard Street? You should see what's going on!"

Lombard Street used to be the Lower East Side of Charm City. From the mid 19th-century through the 1950s or so, it was a center of Jewish life. Chickens squawked in cages, awaiting the kosher butcher's knife. Pickles swam in barrels of brine. There were probably more little synagogues on the side streets than there are Starbucks shops in D.C.

Two synagogues stood especially tall and proud on Lloyd Street, which cuts through Lombard. **Baltimore Hebrew Congregation** (aka the Lloyd Street Synagogue) was built in 1845 and is the thirdoldest synagogue standing in the United States. The look is Greek Revival, with stately white Doric columns against red brick - and no Jewish symbols on its front (Jews of that era weren't so sure it was a good idea to advertise their Jewishness). B'nai Israel, built in 1876 by families who thought Baltimore Hebrew was growing too liberal (imagine they let women sing in the choir!), is more splendiferous, with Moorish revival architecture. It's also openly Jewish, a sign of the community's comfort level at that time. The Ten Commandments in Hebrew perch on the roof's peak.



The Lloyd Street Synagogue has a gorgeous exterior, but no signs of its Judaism.

Over the past few decades, the neighborhood around Lombard Street has had more downs than ups. Towering public housing high-rises created urban blight. Many Jewish merchants closed up shop. But today, Lombard Street and environs are on the upswing, and the result is a

treat for tourists. And there's nothing like it in Washington, D.C., that's for sure — an old Jewish immigrant neighborhood where ethnic roots are still evident and yet a new urbanism is flowering.

In 2001, Baltimore became the first city to demolish all its family,

high-rise public housing projects. In their place are some 330 handsome brick town houses, most already completed. A third are subsidized for low-income tenants, and the rest are priced at market rate. In this prime location, a few blocks from the trendy Inner Harbor, that can mean \$400,000 and up.

The neighborhood's cultural landmarks have joined together to create the 3.2-mile "Heritage Trail," patterned after Boston's Freedom Trail and marked with red, white and blue banners, informative signs and sidewalk insets in English and 17 other languages (including Yiddish). The two synagogues on Lloyd Street are part of the trail, along with the Jewish Museum of Maryland, built in 1987, which connects the two structures.

The trail also winds by such attractions as the Flag House (where the huge 15-starred flag was sewn that inspired Francis Scott Key to write his anthemic poem), the Carroll Mansion (home to the only Roman Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence), the Shot Tower (where shot pellets were once made) and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture (showcasing 350 years of local African-American life).

The neighborhood is a work in progress, which adds to its appeal. Besides historic sites and new town houses, you'll encounter intriguing abandoned buildings (like a stately ice cream factory that was just bought and will be rehabilitated), unusual stores (the Cop Shop is

where officers buy their paraphernalia) and gritty street life (on our visit, we saw a few beggars and a lone "squeegee kid" out for car-window washing). Gardel's Supper Club connects to a different sort of immigrant experience. The restaurant serves "Euro-Latin" food and is a tango destination.

The Jewish Museum is a good starting point for memories of past Jewish days. "The Other Promised Land," one of two current exhibits, looks at vacation memories. Topics range from discrimination (one travel exec is quoted as saying, "We don't like the Jews as a class") to garments worn by travelers of yore (the TSA would not have enjoyed wanding the silk, floorlength outfit complete with bustle). "Cabin Fever," about Jewish camps, is geared more toward Baltimore natives and children, though anyone would get a kick out of "camp memories" posted by museumgoers: "I remember my first year but I GOT OVER IT!"

The best way to enter the Jewish past is the guided tour of the two synagogues. Originally built for \$20,000, the Lloyd Street Synagogue, as the Baltimore Hebrew building is known, nearly lost its life when a parking lot loomed in 1960. Baltimore's Jewish Historical Society was founded to save it.

Today, the facility does not house a congregation but can be rented for weddings, bar or bat mitzvahs, and lectures. The main sanctuary has New Englandy pews (which is what you'd expect from an architect who previously designed churches) and three Torahs that escaped dire circumstances, including one slated for the "Museum to an Extinct Race" planned by the Nazis.

The downstairs, home to a smaller sanctuary once used for daily services, is like the catacombs

Brunch

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that makes it so we can't quit you, Golden West Cafe. Plus, the way your menus are made out of old record covers. And your collection of Last Supper paintings. Oh, and your generous margaritas. And the excellent tater tots. That kind of describes your aesthetic. Of course, one can get bagels and lox or French toast

with sautéed bananas and walnuts, but we like the crispy sopaipillas hidden under eggs, beans and green chile sauce in the Sopaipilla Enchiladas. If you have to wait for a table, just go browsing on the Avenue for antiques or comic books or vintage cooking utensils. Hampden, home to the Hon-Fest, never fails.

→ Golden West Cafe, 1105 E. 36th St.; 410-889-8891; goldenwestcafe.com; brunch served Sat. and Sun. from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$8 - \$14

Baltimore Farmer's Market

The smell of kettle korn and crepes hits as soon as you open the car door. If you're OK with incorporating some strolling into your brunch experience, the eclectic ethnic offerings, eye-popping produce and feel-good vibe of the Sunday Farmers' Market under the Jones Falls Expressway is pure Baltimore.

Start off in the Northeast corner with Zeke's coffee, from a local small-batch roastery, then walk the ring once, perhaps after putting in an order for a turkey and asiago or apple/swiss/cracked-pepper crepe (\$5). Cut-up nectarines entice buyers and serve as appetizers along the way. Babies ride on shoulders clutching musk melon in one fist and a croissant in the other. There are gourmet dog biscuits for pooches, as well as custommade collars.

Whether you ultimately decide on made-to-order omelets, crab empanadas, jerked sea trout, grilled portabello or simply fresh squeezed O.J., a crusty French boule and some brie, what you will not find a lot of is seating. Take a small blanket and camp on the grass near the entrance at East Saratoga Street and listen to the jazzy low-toned rumble of traffic overhead.

→ Baltimore Farmers' Market, Holliday and Saratoga streets (under the Jones Falls Expressway); 410-837-4636; open Sun. June through December, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m., \$2-\$8

of Rome, Jewish-style. Wood and linoleum have been stripped from the floor to expose the original bricks. Bits of the walls have been removed to show off past décor - decorated panels, wallpaper. There's a brick oven for the baking of matzah, and a tiled mikveh, or ritual bath, along with two claw-foot tubs for a pre-mikveh rinse. (My mother couldn't help but note how hard it would be to clean under the tubs!)

I recommend taking the tour with a group of older Jews. It was like having a half-dozen aspiring Jackie Masons along for the visit. The best lines came in the synagogue's gallery aimed at kids, with clothes to try on, a fake old-time kitchen and lots of historic pictures. One woman stared at a photo of a family group from the turn of the century in amazement:

"Boy, is she ugly! Did you ever see a nose like that?" The potato-sized proboscis prompted another woman to sigh, "Oy veyismir!"

Memories came flying. Noting a picture of live chickens for sale, the nose critic recalled coming to Lombard Street as a child with her mother: "She'd poke all the chickens in the chest — there was the fickle finger of fate — to find the one with the most schmaltz [fat]. And that bird was done."

In the B'nai Israel synagogue, still an active Orthodox congregation, the tour group marveled at the radiant light streaming in from the windows and the ornate hand-carved structure encasing the ark, in which the Torahs are held. The wood was full of curves and swoops, framed by two turrets, all painted white and gold.

GETTING AROUND

We recommend enjoying an authentic nosh and taking a tour:



- → You can walk the Heritage Walk with or without a guide. Tour tickets (\$7.50 for adults) are sold at the Inner Harbor Visitor Center. Details are at heritagewalk.org.
- → The Jewish Museum of Maryland (jhsm.org) is open Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and offers guided tours of the two synagogues at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults.
- → Attman's Delicatessen, above, is open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and until 5 p.m. on Sunday. If you can't make it to Baltimore, they'll ship: see attmansdeli.com or call 410-563-2666.

The craftsman charged \$77. "I want his name immediately," said a tour member. "Although, I guess he must be dead."

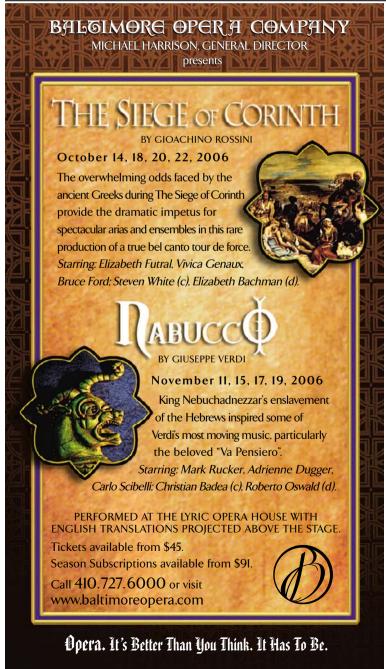
The hour-long tour put us in the mood for Jewish cuisine, and the neighborhood still has a few delis.

My mother and I picked Attman's Delicatessen on Lombard Street, which has served the neighborhood since 1915 (and which I fondly recall visiting when I was a kid in the 1960s).

Attman's attests to the endur-

ing (and multicultural) appeal of juicy sliced meat. The customers in the longish sandwich line were black and white, old and young, slim and plus-sized. Friendly clerks took orders and slapped together sandwiches from scratch. To pass the time, I read the sandwich names on the wall, which deserve a Pulitzer Prize for bad puns: "Gay Liveration: corned beef, chopped liver, swiss, lettuce and onion."

Everything was delicious pungent pickles, succulent turkey pastrami, robust rye bread, savory knishes. My suburban mom wistfully eved the town houses: "I'd love to move here - I could walk across the street for a turkey sandwich." And both of us agreed that her friend was right - you've got to see what's happening on Lombard Street. MARC SILVER





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